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EXERCISE 1 PARTS OF SPEECH

Identify the parts of speech in the following sentences. Label the underlined words:

v = verb

n = noun

adj = adjective

adv = adverb

prep = preposition

pron = pronoun

int = interjection

conj = conjunction

- ___1. When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow.
- ___2. When it healed, and Jem's fears of never being able to play football were assuaged, he was seldom self-conscious about his injury.
- ___3. When enough years had gone by to enable us to look back on them, we sometimes discussed the events leading to his accident.
- ___4. I maintain that the Ewells started it all, but Jem, who was four years my senior, said it started long before that.
- ___5. He said it began the summer Dill came to us, when Dill first gave us the idea of making Boo Radley come out.
- ___6. A day was twenty-four hours long but seemed longer.
- ___7. There was no hurry, for there was nowhere to go, nothing to buy and no money to buy it with, nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County.
- ___8. Calpurnia always won, mainly because Atticus always took her side.
- ___9. Our mother died when I was two, so I never felt her absence.
- ___10. Dill was from Meridian, Mississippi, was spending the summer with his aunt, Miss Rachel, and would be spending every summer in Maycomb from now on.
- ___11. The Radley Place jutted into a sharp curve beyond our house.
- ___12. The misery of that house began many years before Jem and I were born.
- ___13. Miss Caroline came to the end of the story and said, "Oh, my, wasn't that nice?"

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- ___14. Walter Cunningham's face told everybody in the first grade he had hookworms.
- ___15. Atticus greeted Walter and began a discussion about crops neither Jem nor I could follow.
- ___16. While Walter piled food on his plate, he and Atticus talked together like two men, to the wonderment of Jem and me.
- ___17. She was furious, and when she was furious Calpurnia's grammar became erratic.
- ___18. When she squinted down at me the tiny lines around her eyes deepened.
- ___19. Calpurnia sent me through the swinging door to the dining-room with a stinging smack.
- ___20. The male population of the class rushed as one to her assistance.
- ___21. Miss Caroline watched the process in horrid fascination.
- ___22. From her desk she produced a thick volume, leafed through its pages and read for a moment.
- ___23. Soon we were clustered around her desk, trying in our various ways to comfort her.
- ___24. My replies were monosyllabic and he did not press me.
- ___25. Atticus said I had learned many things today, and Miss Caroline had learned several things herself.